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Rep. Mark Spreitzer Votes to Modernize Unemployment System

MADISON - Following the vote in the Wisconsin State Assembly to pass Special Session Senate Bill 1 relating to unemployment modernization, Rep. Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) released the following statement:

“I was pleased to vote for Special Session SB 1 today to provide much-needed improvements to our unemployment system. This legislation directly addresses shortcomings that have hurt families and workers in my district and around the state. The COVID-19 pandemic has made the issues with our current unemployment system clear, and it is past time to remove barriers to unemployment insurance that stem directly from old and outdated software.

“I have helped hundreds of constituents who are frustrated with our state’s slow and antiquated system, and far too often we hear that a case cannot be resolved quickly because of a system designed decades ago. Due to the limitations of the current system, new federal unemployment programs can take months to implement, while unemployed Wisconsinites see bills and overdue notices pile up.

“We need a new system designed with modern programming code that can keep up with our current needs and that is ready for the next major unemployment event. Today’s vote was an important first step, and I look forward to continuing to work towards a system that will better serve our constituents in the future.”

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